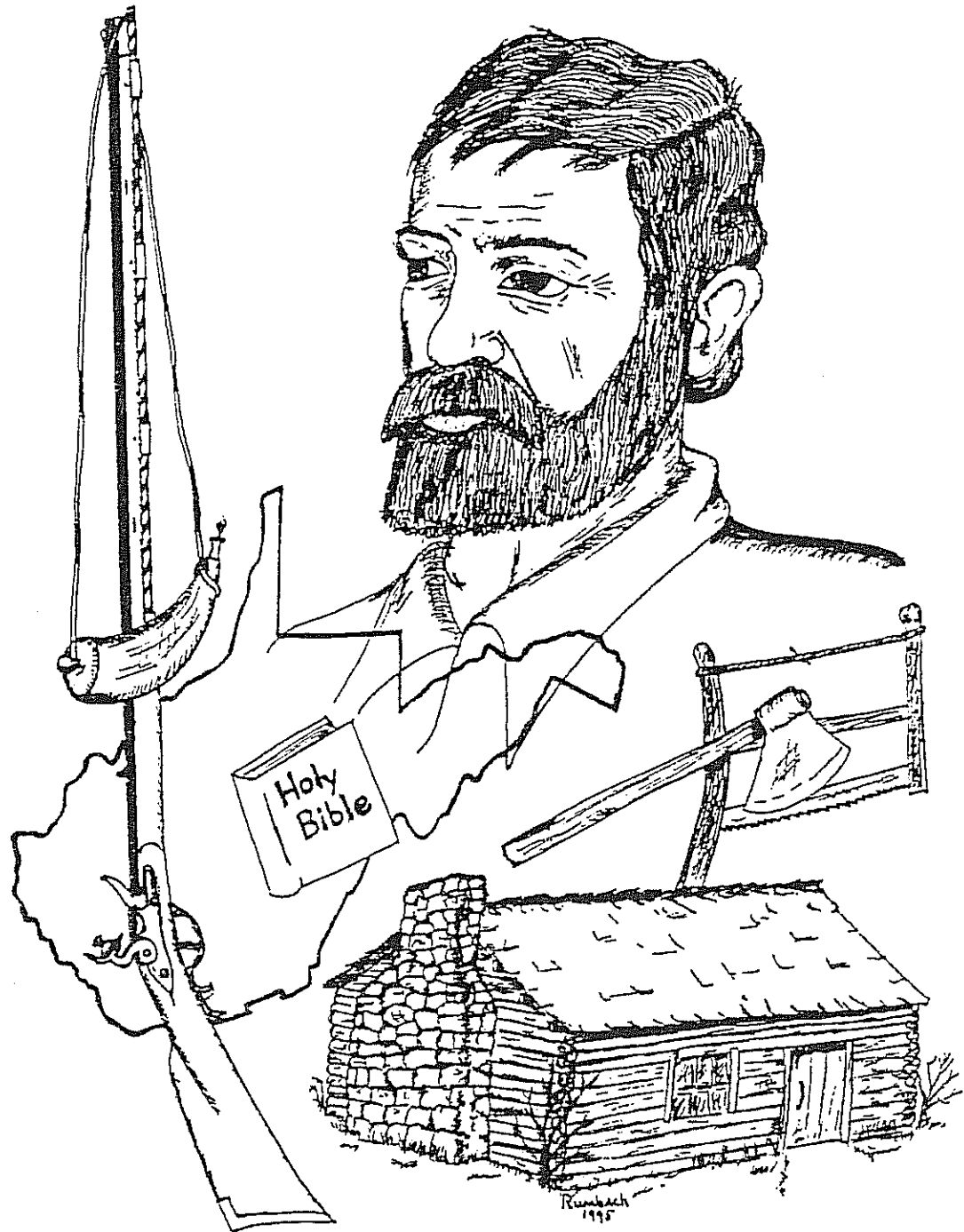


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jots from joy

Hello Everyone:

What an exciting place to be! The Central West Virginia Genealogy and History Library in 1996. So much is happening!

We have acquired an extra pairs of hands to assist with our work at the library. They belong to Michelle Messenger.

Michelle is the daughter of member Beverly Messenger; she is working twenty-five hours per week as my assistant until she is called back to her regular job at Alkahn Label Factory. Her employment was authorized by the executive committee at the November meeting. Her duties include answering the phone, maintaining the mailing list, filing, typing, and anything else that needs to be done. Just last week she cleaned the refrigerator! It needed it! Next week she'll be helping me with those #%%\$%^ 990 forms that the Internal Revenue Service wants from us.

Should you drop by the library and see some other strange faces this winter and spring, they might belong to Bennett Horter and his assistants. Ben is working with us through a grant from the Wes-Mon-Ty RC & D and NRCS to do at least a Phase I archaeological exploration at several sites on Hacker's Creek. Chuck, Ben, his assistant Allison, and I made a preliminary tour of the area in December. On December 18, the day the first major snow to hit the area started, we dug a few test holes and sifted the debris on the John Hacker farm in search of Indian artifacts and other items which might indicate the location of the very first Hacker home. Our work was halted by driving snow. It's been mostly snow, snow, and more snow ever since.

Ben, a native of Fairmont, is a graduate of WVU and the University of Glasgow. His assistant, also a WVU graduate, is working for National Resources Conservation Service as an Americore worker. She plans to enter medical school as soon as she establishes West Virginia residency; she is a native of Greene County, Pennsylvania.

A weekend retreat/learning experience at Jackson's Mill is in the works. Tentatively scheduled for May 18-20, the weekend will feature genealogical research methods and genealogy by computer. If you have not heard more about this weekend by the time you receive this Journal and if you are interested, please contact me.

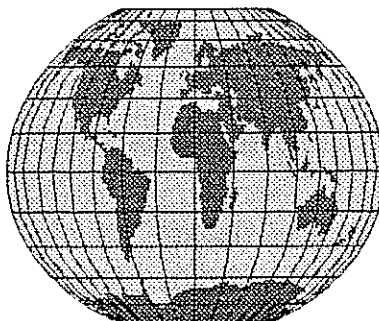
One last item - HCPD now has a Users/News Group via Internet for HCPD members only. If you have not completed your computer survey form that was in the last Journal, please do so now and return to Okey Corley in Connecticut.

Till later -

Joy

Surfin' the Web

Remember the was telling us that "someday" computer and work would That time has arrived! We world! While many of us genealogy records "the hard millions of scraps of paper,



modern technology for genealogy record keeping and research.

A few weeks ago, member David Armstrong looked over my shoulder as I called up the Allegheny Regional Family History Society home page on the Internet. He shook his head and said, "It's hard to believe. But I wonder if I would have ever done what I've done if there had been Internet. I love the old courthouses and musty ol' records. They kept me interested."

I'm somewhat like David. Touching the pages where great-great grandpa dropped the sweat from his brow as he scrawled his name on his marriage license while great-great grandma looked over his shoulder and nervously twisted the hankie she held in her slender, lily-white hands is definitely bifocals at a computer screen.

At the same time, I'm somewhat like Phil Stackhouse, one of our newest members. Phil lives in Maryland. While he has fairly close access to records in Washington, DC his research time here in West Virginia is limited to a few days a year. Yes, he can purchase our books; yes, he can write letters; but, it's also great to be connected via on-lines services to computers all over the world.

Computers also allow their owners to participate in activities regardless of their place of residence. The home page for ARFHS is written and maintained in Albuquerque, New Mexico, a continent away from society headquarters. Our own home page is maintained on a server in Clarksburg, fifteen miles from the library; and its written by me, mostly at my home in Alum Bridge, forty-five miles from the server, with help from Jim Squires who lives in California. Though our Journal gets help from Uncle Sam's post office (called "snail mail" in

1950 's when sci-fi radio everyone would have a home be accomplished by robots? have become a computerized are still keeping our way," in our heads and on lots of others are using

computer lingo), it all is composed on computers with much of the proofing, etc., done via Internet transmission.

I just realized that those of you who are uncomputered don't have the faintest idea what a "server" or a "home page" is.

A "server" is a master computer with lots and lots of storage room that holds millions and zillions of bytes (pieces) of information. It is connected most of the time via open telephone lines to other computers everywhere.

A "home page" is like an advertisement; it's like a book; it's like several books - all depending on the composition of the page and it's "links" to other pages on computers all over the world. It could be likened to the Signal Corps of Civil War days when messages were sent via flags from mountain top to mountain top all the way from the Shenandoah Valley to Clarksburg in thirty minutes or less in very good weather. Couriers would then carry the messages to armies encamped on hills and in hollers throughout the state.

The links of a home page may include snap-of-the-finger access by the home page reader (computer owner) to records in a server in Salt Lake City (*all of Don Norman's wonderful family records that we have had on our computer at the library for the last two years are on the Everton Publishing Company server*), to family history records in connected computers everywhere, to card catalogs in libraries in Cleveland, Washington, DC, and who knows where else, etc., etc., etc.

Each home page has an address, just like your home does. The address tells the computer what server to call to access any given home page like your address tells the mailman where to bring your mail.

Here are the addresses for several genealogy related home pages. If you don't have a computer, find a friend who is "on-line" and ask them to let you look over their shoulder.

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One last thing for this time. Internet access is not free. Your friend/family member may be paying a usage fee based on their time on-line. The big services, like America OnLine, Genie, and Compuserve charge by the minute. Many smaller local Internet Service Providers have unlimited access for a small flat fee. Inquire before you ask for their help; then pay for the time you use.

Joy Gilchrist

e-mail: hcpd.lewisco@westvirginia.com



Dower: that portion of, or interest in, real estate of a deceased husband which the law provides for his widow.

Dower Right: the right of a widow to receive a portion or interest in her deceased husband's property.

CHAT

WITH

CHARLIE



Welcome to 1996, the Year of the Blizzard! They say one inch of rain equals ten inches of snow, so on January 7 and 8 we had three inches of solid white rain because *"it don't snow in Pickle Street, West Virginia."*

Our trip to Seattle for the holidays was nice except for the rain and we got home just in time for the blizzard. Hopefully, the great extremes are over and it will be an early spring.

We have plans for numerous projects this spring and summer (see Jots from Joy).

We are getting a good response on our Life Membership Campaign with twelve new life members. Their names appear with all the Life Members on the back of our new cover.

Speaking of the cover - we hope you like it. This is our official logo which was designed by member Joe Rumbach. We think it says it all and hope even those who missed the log cabin of earlier years will approve.

There's only nine more months until the gathering so make your motel reservations now. The bowhunters will be here for the third year in a row and motels will be at a premium. Joy has held a few rooms in each motel, so if you can't find a room - call the library. We will hold these rooms until the week before the gathering.

If you would like to help with historic preservation of the area you might want to join the Jackson's Mill Heritage Foundation. HCPD has two members on their Board of Directors. See membership form in the front of this journal. While you're at it, check out the information on the Mining Your History Spring Swap which will be held at the Braxton County Armory at Grassaway on April 27. It's free and promises to be an exciting event!

If you live in the immediate Lewis-Harrison-Upshur, etc., area, we could use a few more volunteers at the library. And, if you can't commit yourself to any specific day but like to type, we are abstracting the Lewis County deed books for publication and would love to have you help. (Book A is finished and will be published in early spring!) This is a project that must be done at the library, because we cannot permit the deed books to leave the building.

Yes, all kinds of things are happening here on the homefront! We hope you'll have the opportunity this spring or summer to stop by and say hello - and get involved.

God bless -
Charlie

RAP WITH RAYDINE



Dear Friends,

1996 roared in with a vengeance! '95 went out with a whimper - we closed for the holiday weeks, volunteers had colds and flu, some went for vacation visits, and the weatherman was NOT our friend! Our only bright spots were our annual Open House for volunteers and our visit to WV Lakeview Theatre to see members Susan Seaforth Hayes and Bill Hayes in a wonderful production of "A Christmas Carol".

Our return to regular library hours was interrupted by a mammoth blizzard which closed us for several days. Now we are trying to take care of belated correspondence and get publication orders mailed. Linda had all of the material for this issue organized, but weather conditions have set us at least a couple of weeks behind schedule. We hope you will find it worth the wait.

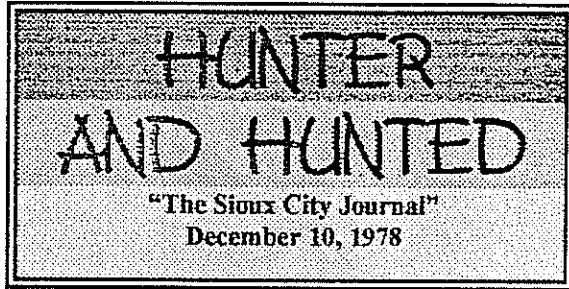
We continue to be very busy. I'm sure Joy is telling you in her letter about some of the exciting things we're doing. This week we are making plans to have a class from WV Wesleyan College visit us for a day to learn about the settlement of this northwestern West Virginia area. Members have sent manuscripts that we plan to publish in future issues. Please consider writing an article for us. If it's interesting to you, I'm sure we would enjoy it. We need to hear about different families and family stories are as welcome as strictly researched articles.

Welcome to all new members who have waited so patiently for their first Hackers Creek Journal, and thanks again to all of you faithful members who have supported us since 1982. Write if you have a complaint or a compliment - the input from you determines our direction.

Happy New Year!

from

Raydine Teixeira



Wynot, Neb. - The cabin is gone now, the creekbed silent. Trees surround this tiny knoll in northern Cedar County, a knoll which echoes only to scavenging squirrels since "Hense" Wiseman's rifle no longer is heard.

Memories of massacre haunt these tranquil hills near Wynot. Stand here and you may feel it in your bones!

Set far back from a gravel road just four miles northeast of Wynot is a cold, granite slab. It marks the terror of five innocent children who suffered one morning in 1863, victims of an Indian war party, and a government that *"just didn't care"*.

"Wiseman Massacre" is remembered well here in Wynot. So is Henson Wiseman.

According to records and photographs kept to this day by Wiseman's descendants, and by Wynot historian Mrs. Edith Jones, the victims of Cedar County's most infamous episode were *'typical homesteaders'*, like thousands of others who journeyed west in the 1850s in search of free land and open country in Iowa and Nebraska.

Born in West Virginia in 1817, Henson and Phoebe Wiseman homesteaded here, in northeast Nebraska. They came by way of Burlington, Fort Des Moines, and Sioux City, and settled near the village of St. James, a former townsite along the Missouri River, in 1857.

On the edge of a wooded ravine, south of St. James, Wiseman erected a large, double-log cabin. Near the home Wiseman quickly domesticated a swarm of bees. Steamboats plying the Missouri River nearby provided a rich market for

honey, timber and wild game, which were plentiful.

Life on this early Nebraska homestead could have been idyllic for the Wisemans, local folks say. Henson Wiseman and his family could have lived out their lives in tranquillity. Could have. Except in this case, history struck a sour note on the heartstrings of Siouxland.

In the fall of 1862, Henson Wiseman, then age 44, enlisted in the 2nd Nebraska Cavalry, then based in Dakota City. Spurred by Indian uprisings in Nebraska, the homesteader signed because he admitted later, *"I believed the government needed all possible help, and to get protection for life and property."*

According to the settler's memoirs, he, like other neighbors believed his enlistment would keep him on home-guard duty in Cedar County. But early in 1863 his unit was ordered into Dakota Territory from Sioux City.

He left behind his wife Phoebe, and five children; Arthur, age 16; Hannar, 14; Andrew, 9; William, 8; and Loren, age 4. Phoebe, accounts state, was two months pregnant. On July 23, 1863, Phoebe Wiseman returned from a three-day supply trip to Yankton, Dakota Territory, to find the cabin ransacked and *"blood upon the door"*.

Phoebe Wiseman fled in panic from the scene and ran to St. James for help. The next morning the distraught mother led an armed rescue party back to the cabin site where they found three of the children murdered and two barely alive. The oldest son, Arthur, had put up a fight and died, *"his gun clutched in his hands."* The daughter, Hannar, had been tortured. She and younger boy, age 4, survived only a few days.

Henson Wiseman, stationed at the Crow Indian Agency, learned of the tragedy more than a month later, after spying an Indian wearing his wife's shoes. Upon discovering that his commanding officer had held back his letters, Henson left his unit and returned to find his home in

shambles, his children dead and his wife missing.

Henson Wiseman never forgave the U.S. Government for failing to protect his family, say descendants of the Nebraska pioneer. For many years he attempted to gain retribution from the Nebraska Legislature for property stolen and lost.

Nor for the next five years did Henson Wiseman go to sleep without a gun.

Legends say he was both the hunter, and the hunted. Carrying a Colt revolver and an army Sharp's carbine, Henson Wiseman became, some say, a "man obsessed" who farmed by day and scouted the countryside for Indians by night. By his own admission he anticipated attack, as he knew "their intentions were to kill me."

Cedar County's veteran of tragedy and bloodshed died, some say, a tired and bitter man. Others say he died in peace. But visitors to this lonely corner of Cedar County may find themselves listening down these oak-lined ravines for more than the winter winds.

Perhaps Hense Wiseman would have wanted it that way.

He was almost as bitter toward the government as he was toward the Indians, writing:

"Now to a candid world. If I should treat one of my neighbors as I have been treated by the government, I would have been put out of sight long ago. Thirty-two years have passed. I did not live on government land nor on the Indians hunting ground. But forced in old age to hard labor; my life made miserable, my family buried in blood, dirt and rags, like so many dogs; their mother not able to see them at their resting place. I received an honorable discharge for the Army but not from dread of duty. Those Indians stole from me for four years after all this. I was on guard and shot at."

There was so much talk about Henson Wiseman's vendetta against the red man. By his own account "I wore a Colt's revolver for five years, night and day, and during the day I spent the time working for my bread, and at night examining the country for miles around to be sure that no Indians would be waiting at dawn of day, as I knew their intentions were to kill me."

There are those who think it was the other way around. Addison Sheldon acknowledged this in his dedication address: "Cedar County citizens have told me that Henson Wiseman carried his rifle with him through the years; that he was always ready at the sight of an Indian to level the loaded rifle and fire."

Other accounts say, "He shot Indians on sight thereafter, always leaving their bodies in attitudes of prayer" and, "Many an Indian canoe floated down the Missouri with its passenger missing."

Mrs. Pearl Guy, granddaughter of Henson Wiseman, believes these stories are exaggerated. She remembers Grandpa and Grandma Wiseman as being just like

other folks. When Phoebe died at 80, Mrs. Guy's family went to live with Grandpa Wiseman and she remembers him as a mellow old man who loved to visit with his grandchildren.

"If he used his weapon it was to scare — —birds who were bothering his—" according to Mrs. Guy. (copy unclear)

Addison was not "absolutely sure how true the tradition may be" and he "cannot commend it" Said Sheldon: "For it must always be said, after doing full justice to the dying and the suffering of the white frontiersman, that the Indian has suffered as much injustice at the hands of the white man as the white man has at the hands of the red man."

There was never any proof of which tribe participated in the massacre.

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Historian Sheldon doubted that it was either of the local tribes, because of their long, unblemished record of cooperation and friendliness. Two Indians were eventually shot for it by Indian Agent Burleigh's scouts, but there is no record as to their tribe.

Henson Wiseman died in 1912, his claim never settled with the government. Some say he died an old man embittered with hatred of the Indians and the government. Many would understand

that, considering his loss. But his granddaughter says he died a gentle old man, full of love. Perhaps the truth lies somewhere in between.

Nobody, however, would deny the truth of one of Sheldon's statements at the memorial dedication.

*"War makes beast out of men," he said.
"And the little children suffer."*

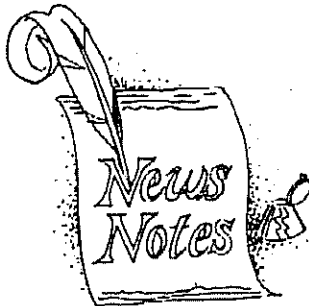
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West Virginia Pensions Granted

Alphonse Duffield, Buffalo
Nicholas Copeley, Fort Gay
Christian Anders, Murphys Mills
Seymour Simons, Indian Camp
John N. Conley, Spencer
James Michael, Sisterville
Josiah Blackburn, Cottageville
Samuel McHendry, Parkersburg
Richard C. Bland, Blauville
Lindsey Sexton, Bull Creek
Joseph B. Ray, Huntington
Wm T. Teppet, Wheeling
Elizabeth Ray, W. Columbia

Pensions Increased

Elias T. Teathom, Pleasant View
Leven T. Pettyman, Williamstown
John Y. Naylor, Newton
William C. Leonard, Frozen Camp
John P. Echles, Cameron
George Frazer, St. Marys
Solomon Smith, Belleysville



"Weston Democrat" February 5, 1887

Bailey Linger who teaches school on the head of Stone Coal, this county, had occasion to chastise one of his pupils, which so enraged the mother as to prompt her to go to the school room and without a word of warning apply a wagon whip on the teacher while the school was in progress. The lady's name is West, a widow of John West, who was murdered a few years ago. Young Linger offered no resistance but says he will let the grand jury take it in charge.

Wiseman's Final Plea To Congress

A Brief History of the Massacre of the Wiseman Children
by Henson Wiseman

The massacre occurred in the North Part of Cedar County, Nebraska on July 23, 1863. On the 5th day of November 1817, in Harrison county, West Virginia, I, the subscriber, was born.

In 1838 I was married at Parkersburg, W. Va., to Phoebe Ann Cross. In the year 1839 I emigrated westward with my wife and at Burlington, Iowa, I found a home, where I remained for a number of years; afterwards removing to Fort Des Moines, Iowa. During all this time, by dint of perseverance, hard and incessant toil, at my trade (carpentering), and other work when I could not find employment at my trade, I accumulated a little money and some property.

In 1856 I removed from Des Moines to Sioux City, Iowa, where I found employment at my trade, and am accredited with roofing the first house, which was covered with shingles, in that town.

In 1857 I removed from Sioux City, Iowa, to Cedar county, Nebraska, and settled upon a piece of land under the "Squatter law" (the land not being surveyed at the time) where I have resided, principally, until the present time, acquiring title to my land by United States Patent after the land was surveyed and placed upon the market by the government.

During the time of my residence in Iowa there were born to me eight children, two of whom died and were buried in that State. When I came to Nebraska I had six children, five boys and one girl. One of the boys, Benjamin F., died in 1859. His was the first natural death in Cedar county, Nebraska. In the same year another son was born, making the number of my children six, five of whom were at home at the time of the happening of the tragical events hereinafter narrated, one of said children (John) being in the U.S. Army fighting for his country, and far away from home. The five remaining being the same that were massacred, as hereinafter mentioned.

In 1863 the population of the county did not exceed 275, including about 50 citizens who had enlisted in Comp. I, 2nd Nebraska Cav., raised for the purpose of defending the frontier settlements against Indians. Of this number were "Henson Wiseman". (See the Western Historical Co.'s *History of Nebraska, 1882*, page 528.) In October 1862, the government called for a company of Cavalry, 2nd Regiment. I enlisted in Company I as I believed the government needed all possible help, and to get protection to life and property, I should give a helping hand. I left my family in good condition and took a soldier's fare and outfit at the age of forty-five, supposing for home guards, to be to the order of the government used as scouts in Nebraska, in our then frontier settlements, then exposed to savage butchery.

We were ordered away to join Sully's regiment in Dakota; the whole regiment. I supposed a regiment would take our place when we left, but not a soldier ever came till

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the savages went at their usual deeds of destruction. If I had known the government or counsel of savage warfare so ignorant, I would have sent my family away when I left. The company was called together fifty miles away from home, at Dakota City, Nebraska, under John Taffe, then Captain. I remained from home all winter. During the month of June, or the last of May, I obtained a furlough to go see my family before starting with the expedition. I told my wife and children where we were going, and they all cried and said, "*The Indians will kill us if we stay here and you leave us.*" I told them that other soldiers would come as soon as we were gone. Now my children were put to a wretched death by the ignorance of the government; (that was the last I ever saw of them) anyone there of knowledge would say the Indians would come in behind; I knew this and said so, (if given a chance) to many of my comrades. About thirty days from the time I left home, while at Crow Creek, two hundred miles off, this bloody deed was done, and done by the Yankton and Santee Sioux on the 23rd day of July, 1863, between nine and ten o'clock of said day.

My wife was not at home at this time, but was at Yankton buying some things for the family, or she too would have shared the same fate as the rest of the family. They killed the family for plunder, as one of them was seen at Crow Agency wearing my wife's new shoes. My wife, the mother of these five children, returning home in the evening, and as soon as she got to the door seeing an Indian lying on the floor and blood on the door, fled around the house and saw one boy lying on his back dead. On seeing this she was perfectly horrified, and convinced of the condition of the rest. She fled as soon as possible out of sight to the settlement of St. James, three miles away, leaving all roads and going through high weeds and brush all dripping wet with rain, a heavy rain having fallen only two hours before. What kind of feelings for a female in her condition! *Is this protection, I ask?* The few inhabitants now thrown into excitement, dared not go the same night to see; going the next day nine miles around on the open prairie, found three dead and two nearly so. The youngest boy, age five years could only tell "*the Indians scared him,*" was all he ever said; he was stabbed under the left arm and lived three days. The girl fifteen years of age, as savages always do, bore savage infamy until they were satisfied; a cartridge put in her mouth, was set on fire, tearing out her teeth; then passing an arrow through her birth and out at the top of each hip; left her in that condition to die! She was alive and lived five days; never spoke a word but looked wildly around to anyone that came in her sight. The other three were dead; one boy, age eight years, was found outdoors shot through with a ball and three buck-shot, all the rest were in the house. The next boy, age thirteen years, was stabbed twice in the left side. The oldest boy, age seventeen, had his head and arms all broken and mashed, his gun clutched in his hands, showed an overhand fight and was empty. There were four guns in the house; two the Indians took and two they left. There were several letters written to me, mailed every week, but I never received one of them, someone got my mail to keep down a mutiny in the regiment. The same Indians gave the news at Crow Agency, wearing my wife's shoes, eight days before the news reached us that some family in Cedar County had been butchered by Indians. When the report reached me that it was my family, I was guarding some horses grazing two miles from camp. About daylight I mounted my horse and went to camp, knowing what was before me. (200 miles) I left without anything to eat, as I could get nothing until I reached Fort Randall, one hundred miles away. I traveled night and day until I reached home, stopping at Fort Randall two hours to get something to eat and rest my horse; there the commander of the post showed his authority. I showed fight and sixty rounds

of cartridges, and told him that I was the commander of that Fort and would shoot him on the spot; that I was not a deserter but had been deserted. A soldier came up and told the commander who I was, and said to me, "*Don't shoot him*", that I was welcome to all I wanted. In twenty minutes Company A of my own regiment, stationed there, came to me and told me to stay at the Fort as long as I wished, and leave when I was ready. They gave me all I wanted.

I went to Yankton reserve that night and learned from an Indian interpreter all I wanted. I wrote a letter to my colonel, "*to keep all the boys and fight the Indians when found, that they had gone up James river with what they had taken from me, and I would take care of myself and northeastern Nebraska.*" I reached Yankton the next day at nine o'clock, sick, and reported to Capt. Tripp's Company on the sick list. There I learned that my wife had been waiting for me a week, but had left for Sioux City and was nearly insane. I went to St. James, Nebraska to rest a few days. I stayed there five days not knowing where my wife had gone. I trembled all over with fatigue and anger when the neighbors were telling me about the massacre. Savages were strolling all around there. I had been to my own house. I saw all I wanted as there was blood all over the house floor, dried down twenty-five days. I started one evening after dark for Sioux City to look for my wife. I met her the 28th day of August on the Aoway Creek coming

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APPEAL TO CONGRESS...I NOW
APPEAL TO LAW AND
JUSTICE.***

home. She waited and cried and tried to tell her grief but could not, and it was a year before she could tell it all. We returned to St. James the same day, and began at once to prepare some place in which to live. We had no home, nothing to live on, no clothing except what we had on our backs, which we had worn for many weeks. I knew we were in a hard

climate and a hard place. Many is the time my poor wife would moan in her sleep and call her children. I would awake her, and then she would moan and bewail the sad fate of her children and would finally sob herself to sleep. I could not sleep content for three years.

On the 8th day of March, —my wife gave birth to a boy baby, which was born restless under great trouble, and for two years he would cry himself to sleep and wake up crying, and now, although thirty-two years have passed, is hard to reconcile in many ways, and is entirely helpless. My wife bearing all this trouble and being nearly deranged, I took her east to see former friends and where she could feel more safe. I remained east one year, which cost me six hundred dollars and much trouble in many ways. Before I got back I spent all the money I had. Now, to begin anew, I had to pay taxes on property the Indians took. This was all done thirty-two years ago. I sent to the United States Congress a bill with affidavits of property, time and money lost fifty dollars costs. Congress did not look at it. Ten years go by and I send in a petition signed by three governors, of two states and one territory. Senator Hitchcock was then in congress and he presented the bill which many citizens had signed, and congress refused to settle it. Now to a candid world. If I should treat one of my neighbors as I have been treated by the government, I would have been put out of sight long ago. Thirty-two years have passed. I did not live on government land nor on the Indians' hunting grounds. But forced in old age to hard labor; my life made miserable; my family

buried in blood, dirt and rags, like so many dogs; their mother not able to see them to their resting place. I received an honorable discharge from the army but not from dread of duty. Those Indians stole from me for four years after all this. I was on my guard and was shot at. I wore a Colt's revolver for five years, night and day, and during the day I spent the time working for my bread, and at night examining the country for miles around to be sure that no Indians would be in waiting at dawn of day, as I knew their intentions were to kill me. I employed a young man for one year to act as scout for me, at \$25.00 per month.

I now make one more appeal to congress that my claim may be settled according to the invoice filed in congress years ago. (See invoice record of Dakota County, Nebraska). I now appeal to law and justice. Paddock and Saunders having failed, and Senator Hitchcock having died while the matter was pending in Congress. Will the _____ of Congress, do for their humble servant what is just? I, an American citizen, 77 years old, beg an immediate settlement.

Henson Wiseman

The following was written by Emory Scott West::

On the 29th day of April 1896, after hearing of the man named in this paper, whose children was slain by the Indians; in complying with my uncle, Mr. G.F. Wiseman, we went to see this wonderful man. I found him seated in the parlor, and received a warm reception at his hands. After passing a few jokes we proceeded to find out what we could from this old gentleman as where he came from, and greatly to our surprise found that he came from the state of our nativity and that we were some related to each other (he is our cousin) Benjamin Wiseman's father was his own uncle, and was raised in sight of each other.

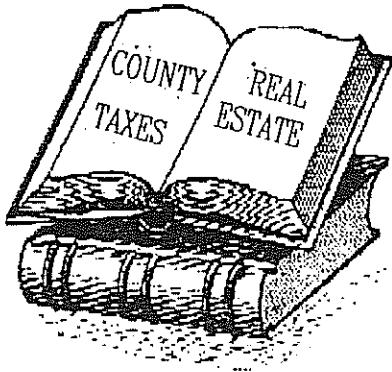
The old Hensen gentleman is 80 years of age, in fair health, can go about remarkable well for an old man. He is worth a large sum of money. We saw the guns that he hunted Indians with, for it is known to many that he killed a great number of them.

It is horrifying to listen to the sad story of the death of his children.

Next Issue: A Lasting Tribute to Henson Wiseman

| 1704-5 Quit Rent - Accomack Co., VA | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Alexdr West | 550 acres |
| John West, Jr. | 500 acres |
| Mrs. Mattilda West | 3600 acres |
| Robert West | 400 acres |
| Nathaniell Rattcliff | 300 acres |

Census Abbreviations: NR = "not reported"; NA = naturalized, many men applied and did not follow through with their applications; PA = naturalization applied for (in citizenship column); N = niece/nephew, not always same meaning as today; S = sister/servant; SER = servant, could often times be elderly mother/in-law ; B = boarder; BRO = brother; L = laborer.



ASSESSOR MAKING NEW LAND BOOKS

"Weston Independent" 17 Jan 1951

The office of Assessor Lot Hall is starting work on a set of new real estate books for the county. The purpose is to assemble alphabetically the real estate by property owners and to group all tracts owned by one person or group of persons under the same name.

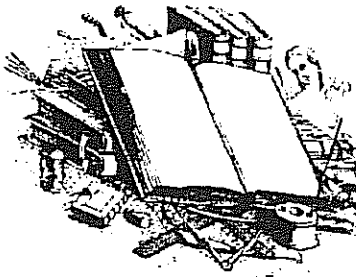
It happens that one land owner has several pieces of property in the same district. Some may be in his initials. Some are probably in his name with his first or second name. It is planned to assemble these in the books under the single name.

This will make it much more convenient for all officials, particularly the office of the assessor and the sheriff. The latter then in making up a tax ticket will have all the property of the one owner in the district on the same tax ticket.

Now there is probably a separate ticket for each piece of property. Since the sheriff's office makes several copies-it is apparent, that the present system entails a lot of extra work for the same objective

The Assessor is starting on Freeman's Creek district, and will continue until the county is completed. He requests that property owners who own more than one piece of property in the same district, come to the office. The owner can then aid the Assessor in compiling accurately these real estate records. He has them now but as noted above, many are owned by the same person but in various parts of the owners name.

When a new set of books are made up in this manner, it will be much better for all who use the land books for records, tax tickets and for legal work.



The History of William McKinley and Sarah (Foster) Stack

Compiled by Joann (Schoeppner) Cummings

Contains the ancestors and descendants of William and Sarah (Foster) Stack with several pictures, maps, Coat of Arms, Stackhouse Home in Yorkshire, England dating back to the 1500's. The Stack "houses" have been traced back to the death of James Stackhouse in January of 1592 and farther back on some of the other lines.

Write to: Joann S. Cummings, 1126 Colegate Drive, Marietta, OH 45750-1323 - Phone: 614-373-9327,

Cabell County Heritage: write to CCH Book, PO Box 1449, Huntington, WV 25716. \$49.05.

MORTALITY SCHEDULE

Gilmer County, (W)VA 1850

| SNDX —NAME | SEX | BIRTH OCCUPATION | AGE | MONTH | CAUSE |
|----------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-------|-------------|
| A425 ALEXANDER, * | M | VA | 2 | JUL | CATARRH FVR |
| A654 ARNOLD, Anna | F | VA | 3 | DEC | LOUCORIAH |
| A654 ARNOLD, Norval | M | VA | 8 | OCT | DROPSY |
| B652 BARNHOUSE, N. | M | VA | 9M | JUL | SCARLET FVR |
| B652 BARNHOUSE, Washington | M | VA | 8 | JAN | SCARLET FVR |
| B655 BRANNAN, Nancy | F | VA | 100 | APR | OLD AGE |
| B655 BRANNAN, Susan | F | VA | 10 | JAN | SCARLET FVR |
| B200 BUSH, Hannah | F | VA | 58 | MAY | SCROFULA |
| B200 BUSH, RachelF | | VA | 36 | JUL | WOMB INFL |
| C364 COTTRAIL, Matilda | F | VA | 20 | MAR | CHILDBED |
| C364 COTTRAIL, William | M | VA | 6 | MAR | EPILEPSY |
| F260 FISHER, John W. | M | VA | 3M | OCT | SUFFOCATION |
| G620 GEORGE, Amos | M | VA | 27 | MAR | FEVER |
| | | LABORER | | | |
| H260 HACKER, Edward | M | VA | 8M | APR | DYSENTERY |
| H260 HACKER, Epraim | M | VA | 2 | MAR | DROPSY |
| H163 HAVERTY, A. G. | M | VA | 1 | DEC | DROPSY |
| H163 HAVERTY, Sarah | F | VA | 67 | APR | DROPSY |
| H263 HECKERT, Nancy | F | VA | 8 | JUN | DROWNED |
| L251 LA CAMFIELD, S. | M | VA | 2 | NOV | CROUP |
| L360 LOWTHER, Jesse | M | VA | 3 | FEB | CROUP |
| M250 MC CUNE, Abram | M | VA | 7 | JAN | SCARLET FVR |
| M250 MC CUNE, Catharine | F | VA | 80 | AUG | OLD AGE |
| N400 NALL, Ruth | F | VA | 28 | JUN | HEMORRHAGE |
| N346 NATLER, Willie | M | VA | 2M | JAN | CATARRH |
| N242 NICHOLS, Dorothy | F | VA | 44 | AUG | RHEUMATISM |
| R262 ROGERS, Alcinda | F | VA | 8M | AUG | CHOLERA |
| S426 SCHOOLCRAFT, Jacob | M | VA | 70 | APR | OLD AGE |
| S362 STARCHER, John | M | VA | 2 | SEP | SCARLET FVR |
| S351 STUMP, Thomas B. | M | VA | 1 | DEC | ERYSIPELAS |
| T455 TALLMAN, Mary E. | F | VA | 2 | MAR | SCARLET FVR |

MICROFILMING PAPERS

The Department of Archives and History of West Virginia is microfilming newspapers for posterity. This work was started in 1948. Before July, 1948 and June, 1949 all state newspapers on file dated before 1900. This is a preservative method for any one familiar with newspapers know that with age they become quite brittle. In those pre-1900 papers, 12 rolls were required to film the Lewis county newspapers. The department has records, now preserved, of papers printed in West Virginia as early as 1792.

(Weston Independent 24 Jan 1951)

National Genealogical Society Conference in the States

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1996 Genealogy Conference Focuses on Migrating Families

WASHINGTON, DC, October 17, 1995---The 16th annual National Genealogical Society Conference in the States, "Traveling Historic Trails: Families on the Move," takes place 8-11 May 1996 at the Nashville Convention Center, Nashville, TN. For four days, attendees can select from 150 lectures, try out the latest software in expanded computer labs, and visit the more than 170 exhibitors who will showcase the latest publications, software, maps, services, forms, and supplies for effective family history research.

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PIONEER GRAVES MARKED RECENTLY

In the spring of 1857 a covered wagon driven by Benjamin H Blagg and carrying his wife, Sarah Spicer Blagg and their family of eight children climbed the Allegheny Ridge from Doe Hill, Virginia and wound down the western slope into what was to become four years later the new state of West Virginia. The family settled close to what is now the Lewis-Upshur line near the present village of Frenchton. Two more children in addition to the original eight were born to the couple after the immigration.

Benjamin H was a teacher and hatter by trade while his wife was a competent tailor. In due course they set up business in a shop at what is now Walkersville. This building is no longer standing, having been destroyed by Confederate forces during the Civil War.

When the war between the states broke out two of the Blagg boys, Abraham and Asbury, enlisted in the Union Army. Soon after Asbury contracted "Black Diphtheria" and came home to be cared for. All of the children then at home contracted the disease and four of them died within a period of 12 days.

Benjamin and Sarah Blagg with four of their children were buried in the Wilson Cemetery at Frenchton. In accordance with instructions of the physician at the time of the death of the children from this highly contagious diphtheria the graves were spaced six feet apart and marked with rude head and footstones. These hastily placed markers have until the present time been the only means of locating these historic graves, although they were cared for carefully by "Uncle" Foster Wilson and his family, close friends and neighbors of the Blaggs.

This summer the grandchildren of these pioneers instigated a move to raise funds for the erection of a suitable monument on the site. The response was unanimous and contributions were received from direct descendants from all sections of the United States in sufficient amount not

only to erect the desired monument but also to furnish a new fence for the Wilson cemetery. It was especially gratifying to find after the long period of ninety years that every head and foot stone was located in place.

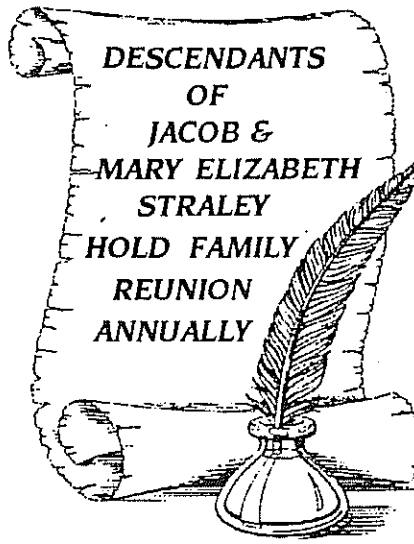
The descendants of Benjamin and Sarah Blagg have engaged in many businesses and professions. Abraham became a United Brethren minister and spent most of his life serving in Mason and Tyler counties until his retirement in late years to the city of Philadelphia. He married Miss Emily Armstrong of Frenchton. Benjamin H., Jr. became a lawyer and spent his life in Mason County. He married Miss Luemina Crawford of Crawford. Charles H. engaged in lumbering and farming for many years in Crawford community of Lewis County and on retirement removed to Philadelphia PA. He married Miss Mary Byrd of Lewis County.

Mary Catherine married W. D. McCutchan and lived in the Freeman's Creek community in Lewis County. Sarah Caroline married Abram F. Curry who was a Union soldier. This family spent most of their lives in Kansas. Esther Clementine married A. M. McQuain and has lived ever since in the Crawford Community of Lewis County. She was aged seven months when the immigration was made over the Allegheny Ridge in the covered wagon, and now at the age of 94 is the only surviving member of her family.

The grandchildren and great grandchildren have carried on the traditional success in the professions and one granddaughter was a Deaconess in the Methodist Church at Kansas City for thirty years.

The Blaggs have been life-long Methodist and their Old Virginia home was a favorite stopping place for Circuit Rider William Taylor who was later made a Bishop and devoted the latter years of his life to serve as a missionary in Africa. In appreciation and respect for his services Sarah Blagg in 1899 donated a parcel of land on Wolf Pen Run near Crawford, for the erection of a church. Through her endeavors and the cooperation of the family and friends in the community the present Taylor Chapel Church was erected and named for her old Preacher-friend, Bishop Taylor, and thus as the monument and rude footstones mark the final resting place of the mortal remains of Benjamin and Sarah Blagg in Wilson cemetery, so Taylor Chapel stands as a living memorial to their devoted heart and spiritual natures.

From The Weston Independent 27 Sept. 1950



Jacob Straley was born and raised in Fayette County, Ohio. Sometime after he returned from the Civil War, he and Mary Elizabeth and their family moved to Van Wert County, Ohio. They raised their children in Van Wert County and celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary there on 5 June 1904. Mary died in 1908 and Jacob in 1916. Both are buried in the King Cemetery near Middle Point, Van Wert County, Ohio.

The descendants of Jacob and Mary Elizabeth hold a reunion annually. The 1995 reunion was held Sunday, 20 August 1995, at the picturesque Straley Farm located 3 miles north of Middle Point, Ohio on Church Road just east of the Middle Point-Wetzel Road. This was the 69th reunion. About 45 persons attended and enjoyed a potluck dinner in the barn. A Straley quilt that has been in the making for over a year was on display. A business meeting was conducted by Maggie Snyder Fetcho, the president. Jack Snyder, secretary, read the minutes of last year's reunion and updated births, deaths, and marriages. Eloise Adam Wilson paid tribute to the cousins who left us during the past year. Bonnie Adam Wallace, historian, reminded us that we have a parent organization in the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants at Jane Lew, West Virginia. She also reported on the new library facilities of the HCPD where we could do research on our Straley and Bonnett families.

The 70th reunion will be held on Saturday, 17 August, 1996, at the same location. The day has been changed to be Saturday to accommodate those who have to come from a distance and cannot return home on a Sunday evening and be ready for work or school on Monday.

BOOKLET PREPARED

A booklet titled "The Jacob Straley and Mary Elizabeth Sayre Straley Story" has been donated to the HCPD Library by Bonnie Adam Wallace of Van Wert, OH. The booklet includes some background on Jacob and Mary Elizabeth, but the main emphasis was placed on identifying and recording their descendants.

Memories In Stone Strongsville Cemetery Book, Strongsville, Cuyahoga Co., OH

2974 interments - 1816-1994, plastic overlay cover w/metal spiral binding, approx. 100 pgs.
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THE WILLIAM REGER STORY

CONTINUES... "Weston Independent," 21 Apr. 1948

It was a usual procedure to raise a crop of corn on the new-ground and in the fall to sow it in wheat and grass. When the wheat was harvested about July first the young grass was getting a good start and was used as pasture land thereafter. This was not always done but was considered the better practice, as remember, this was "hilly" country and it helped to prevent erosion. In passing, it should be noted that

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this pasture was filled with left-over seeds of various kinds and living roots from the forest that were a menace to the growing grass and must be fought for a long time.

Thus we see, in a general way, how the forest disappeared and the fine green hills and valleys that we now see, dotted with snug homes and outbuildings, came into being.

Probably no one without this actual experience can fully understand the slow, discouraging and almost heartbreaking process by which this was accomplished, especially by poor people with large families whose entire well-being was

dependent upon it. It may be stated, that this sense of dependability probably had much to do with the tenacity with which the effort to succeed was pursued. It is our impression that such experiences as these tend to strengthen the character and fortitude of the participants to such an extent that can hardly be overestimated.

As previously intimated, there were no improvements on the place except the old log house, a woodshed and chicken coop or two and a few scrawny apple trees and a small garden spot. There was a cook-stove with a wonderful capacity for burning wood and the wood-box seemed to be continually empty. We burned wood in the fireplace in the winter time and it seemed a good thing that there was plenty of trees nearby. We would all huddle around the fire in cold weather, father would sit in one corner and mother in the other; father was the fireman and mother was always knitting, darning, patching or otherwise employed. Father later located a small coal mine on the place and the heating problem was much easier. At first we had tallow candles for lighting and it was interesting to see them molded in the "candle molds" which would hold probably ten or a dozen at a time. Kerosene lamps came along

later and that was hailed as a great invention, which indeed it was. It was necessary to keep the wicks trimmed to get the best results and to keep from smoking the chimney.

The kids would scrap with each other for the favorite places before the fire and as there was only one lamp it had to be used to the best advantage. We did

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some school work, mother directing, exhorting and correcting as best she could while carrying on her own work. We had few books and there was not a lot of reading done. Father had a weekly paper, I think the "Toledo Blade", a church paper, perhaps the "Pathfinder" and sometimes a farm paper of some kind. Father would read a chapter from the Bible morning and evening and lead us in a family prayer; sometimes mother would offer the prayer and woe to the youngster who would laugh or "giggle" or cause a disturbance while this was going on. This, at the time, seemed somewhat of a hardship but now, as many years are gone, as are our parents, we treasure these memories above almost everything else.

Father purchased at a sale (second hand) a book called "Curiosities of the Bible" by J.H. Vincent, published in 1880, and another book, "Line Upon Line" which, not having any other books, we kids took delight in reading and we read them over and over again. Then there was the old family Bible, leather bound, with many illustrations that was a curiosity to us kids but we were not allowed to use it much. It contained the names and birth dates of father and mother and all the nine children, which was also quite an attraction to us.

We never had a toothbrush until we were grown. If we cleaned our teeth at all we used a brush made by chewing the end of a willow stick about three inches long, cut from a willow bush that grew along the creek. We sometime used salt or soot from the wood fireplace which would whiten our teeth considerable but the brushing was the most important part of it. If a tooth happened to decay until it ached, we'd go to the old family doctor and all he could do was "Yank it out". There were no anesthetics and we would put up with the tooth ache a long time rather than submit to having it pulled.

Coming back to our way of living, we got our drinking water from a perpetual spring that was about three hundred yards from the house. It was a job to carry

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water to supply a family of eleven and there was usually some contention as to whose turn it was to go to the spring. A long time later we dug a surface well, walled with stones and about twenty feet deep near the house, which solved the

water carrying problem, yet came near causing our undoing later. According to the health authorities, the well water became contaminated by drainage from the barn and we had an epidemic of typhoid fever. Tom and I had it first and it was thought we would never pull through but somehow we did. Father and mother, Bob and I think Gertie, each had it later and before it was over the entire family was pretty much

down and out. The siege started in September and lasted until after the holidays. If it had not been for the kindness of our neighbors who came in and ministered to us no telling what the result might have been. There were no rural nurses but the neighbors would come in relays, do the chores, bring the supplies and often "sit-up" or stay all night when there was a doubt as to whether some of us would live through the night. In addition to this, the neighboring farmers came in and cut the entire corn crop we had raised and sowed the ground to wheat, none of which we could have done ourselves. This spirit of good will and neighborliness was an asset in the community that has since disappeared to a large extent.

We lived here for some ten or twelve years from 1880 to 1891. To a boy, the time between six and seventeen years of age seem almost interminable.

Father would get up at five a.m., light the fire in the cook-stove, then call the older children and go about doing his chores such as feeding the horses and pigs and making arrangements for the days work that was soon to begin. If we were not dressed and our faces washed by the time breakfast was ready, it was just too bad!

There were also chores to do -- wood to bring in, getting feed ready for the chickens, seeing that the water bucket was filled and helping to milk, if father had not gotten around to it. As soon as everything was in order, if it was during the school term, we would of course go to school taking our lunch basket with us. Upon returning home we'd go through the usual routine of chores with more or less contention as to whose turn it was to do this or that.

During the spring and summer seasons after breakfast was over, three or four of us boys would go to the fields with father and work all day. Of course we came to the house for dinner and it was a welcome relief to hear the call. We didn't have "lunch" in those days. This would take at least an hour, and we would slowly take our way back to the field again. The youngest of the big boys, about five or six years old, would act as "water boy" until the next one came along who took over his job and he went to the field with the others. The girls would help out in certain busy seasons.

We did all kinds of work, such as helping clear out the forest, plant the corn, hoe and plow and dig weeds, harvest the hay and wheat, husk the corn, cut the filth that grew in the pasture fields, split rails and posts and build fences to establish the boundaries of our farm and to protect the crops from the stock, etc.

After this was done we still had time to work in the garden for raising potatoes, vegetables, roasting ears, etc. There were blackberries growing wild in the fields and woods that were much sought after and contributed some to the storehouse supplies.



All In The Days Work

While we usually worked ten or twelve hours a day and then did the chores, it was a prevailing custom and was not considered to be any particular hardship. The

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thing that made our work more difficult and discouraging was our lack of tools and equipment to work with, though we could not have used what we now call labor saving machinery if we had it because of the hills and "hollers" that made up our farm. Our tool kit was made up of a handsaw, a drawer knife, hatchet, axe, mattock, and a broad hoe for each of the boys. There were scythes for mowing and cutting filth and a grain cradle for cutting the wheat together with a plow or two and, maybe, a spud or post hold digger.

When we needed a new handle for an axe, hoe or mattock, we would split our a piece of wood as near the size as we could get it, then stick it in a crack of the cornercrib or smokehouse and whittle it in shape with the drawer-knife. If we needed some other tool such as an auger, chisel or cross-cut saw we had to borrow it from the neighbors. Father would usually send one of the boys to do the borrowing which was an unpleasant task as it seemed to advertise the fact that we were too poor to have tools of our own. This lack of tools contributed, I think, very much to the fact that none of the six boys had any particular mechanical ability.

Some of the other assets of the farm, as time passed and we were getting the woods out of the way were a couple of old work horses or brood mares, two or three cows, a few pigs or shoats and after a while, a small flock of sheep was added.

One spring we had a bunch of sheep so large that father rented a pasture for them from a neighbor and they had to be salted once or twice a week. One Saturday my father had to go away for the day and I was elected to do the salting. It was in the spring and several young lambs had arrived and there was an old ram in the flock that thought it was his duty to protect them. They were on top of a high hill and when I arrived and placed the salt out and was standing back watching the sheep as they crowded and pushed each other to get to the salt. Suddenly the old ram saw me and evidently thought I was not needed and he started walking toward me. He had never been known to bother anyone, but father had warned me to be careful and not bother him. As he came closer, I began to back away and he evidently sensed that I was afraid of him and continued coming toward me. I turned to run down the hill, and just as I got started he hit me in the backside and I went sprawling. By this time I was badly frightened and my only thought was to get away. Everytime I got up to run he was ready with another bump and in a little while he had bumped me to the bottom of the hill. The neighbors heard me yelling and came to my assistance but, by that time I had succeeded in reaching the fence and climbing over. The ground was frozen and I was badly bruised and skinned up and bleeding until they first thought I was almost



mother and knitted into stockings, mittens, comforters and other articles. I do not remember that mother ever did any weaving though she did hire some rag carpets made which were the only kind we ever had until I left home. The Old Spinning Wheel and Reel that were used were important at the time but are relics of the past now.

We usually had a Sorghum (cane molasses) patch and the harvesting of this was a big time in our lives. The cane had to be stripped and ran through the mill to extract the juice. This was put into a large kettle or preferable a larger pan, made for the purpose that would hold about eighty or a hundred gallons, put over a hot furnace and boiled down until it became molasses.

to be continued

VITAL STATISTICS ON MICROFILM -- 1853-1860

Before WV became a state, various county records from here were sent to Richmond. Each year the assessor "visited" all over the county and acquired, among other things, information on the persons who died during the past year. These records usually listed the date and cause of death, etc. The only problem - the records were in very poor shape when they were microfilmed at the State Library of Virginia. They are hard to read but if you keep trying to decipher the info, you might find what you are looking for.

Where can you find them?

Four places:

1. Archives and History Library in Charleston, WV (State Library)
2. Regional and Local History Collection in Colson Hall at WV Univ.
3. State Library of Virginia in Richmond
4. Order the film from Family History Centers of the LDS Church.

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Superstition: When you pull a tooth, drive it in an apple tree, and good luck will follow.

Children's Program Volunteers Needed

They Are Our Future

The holidays are past and we are looking forward to the melting of snow and ice, the changes of the seasons, and the beginning of a new year. So, too, must we look at our children. They are the future, the chance we all have of making a lasting imprint on this world we walk.

The blessings in my household are five fold. The love, the joy, the noise! Some days they are best friends, some days mortal enemies - never the same for long. I know that I have made a lasting impression on this earth when my 6 year sorts laundry, my 5 year old makes a pitcher of Kool-Aid and even when the 13 year old washes, dries, and puts away the dishes (CORRECTLY) without being asked. Inevitable he wants something, though. But at least he did it!

There have been a few donations to the children's library. For those we are grateful. Before the gathering was over Raymond Wolfe contributed several books and within the week books were arriving in the mail. Thank you to all who contributed. Hopefully, with the coming of spring, visitors to the library will be able to enjoy a small place of childhood.

Currently, volunteers are needed to serve on the Children's Committee. You don't need to have grandchildren or children at home to be involved. If you care about the future of HCPD then you probably care about the children. Please drop me a letter if you have a suggestion for an activity for the children at next year's gathering, a craft idea, or you want to help. More help is needed during the gathering, as is a committed registration of children.

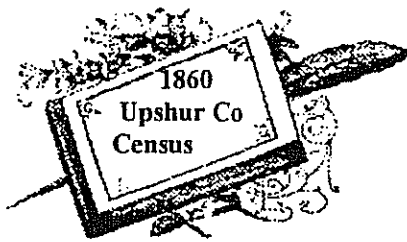
At the Annual meeting last year, the general consensus was that a swing set was not a good idea. So, therefore, we are looking for contributions of outdoor activities suitable for children of all ages. Specifically, a sand box - which would only be complete with some cars, trucks, spoons, buckets, etc.; a croquet set - a game for all kids; wiffle ball and bat; and, well, you get the picture. Books and games need not be new.

For indoor activities books, crayons, coloring books, and some indoor toys would be nice. A toy box would be a nice addition for the children's room. Do you have an old tinker toy set, or perhaps some other toy of your youth? Of course, anyone interested in contributing funds towards the purchase of new books and toys may do so. *Please specify - Children's Program.*

Thanks for all your help in preparing our children for a brighter tomorrow.

Jane Crider : 230 N. Mad Anthony, Millersburg, OH 44654

Note - Error Notification: It has been brought to our attention that the "Interpretations of Fort Seybert", published in several past journals was authored by Mary Lee Keister Talbot and not Ruth Ritter, and published by The Roger Dyer Family Association in 1937.



Can You Help!

I'm trying to help the Upshur Co. WV Historical Society to put the maiden names of all the wives and widows on the 1860 Upshur Co. Census. I'd appreciate any help you could give on the following folks. Info will be passed along to the

Upshur Co. (WV) Historical Society.

All the following were on the 1860 Upshur Co. (WV) Census. I'm looking for the maiden names of the women, date of marriage and county of marriage.

John W SHEPPARD & Frances C ?, James DIXON & Rachel E. ?

Willis MAYES & ?? died before census taken 1860. He was born in Amherst Co, VA

Soloman GEORGE & Eda ?, Alvin BASTABLE & Jane ?, Adam WHITE & Rachel?

Michael MURPHY & Sarah ?, David T TALBOTT & Elizabeth M ?

Rachard THRASH & Eliza J ?, John SHEETS & Almedia ?

Joel LIFE & Barbara ?, Jacob BLOSSER & Eliabeth ?

Joshue SHULTZ & Lucretia ?

Any help on these folks would be greatly appreciated by the lady I'm posting this for. I myself am not researching these families - only trying to help out the Upshur Co (WV) Historical Society.

Barbara Burgy, 6211 Echo Summit Ln, Arlington, TX 76017

(note: this query was taken from the internet)

SEVEN GRANDMOTHERS

"Weston Independent" 14 Feb. 1951

Most youngsters are spoiled by two grandmothers, that number being par for the course. But what about a child with seven grandmothers, including a great grandmother and a great great grandmother, all of whom have seen him and are known by him.

Take Garry Gene West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene West of Valley Chapel. Here are his grandmother; Freda Gum and Mona West; great grandmothers Victoria Wooster, Vernie West of Valley Chapel, Hulda Gum of Clarksburg and Mrs. Nellie Woods of French Creek; and the great great grandmother, Mandy McClure of Akron, Ohio.

He has some grandfathers too, Jesse Gum, Fleet West; and great grandfathers Lloyd Wooster; deceased W. W. West of Valley Chapel and N. D. Woods of French Creek.

What a good time this little fellow should be having with all those grandparents!

- In England Ian Lewis spent 30 years tracing his family tree and visiting 2000 relatives all over the country. Then he found out he was adopted.

Profile

Mary L. Smith

Route #1 , Weston, WV. Age 72
Occupation: *Retired*
Parents: *Press and Bessie Queen*
Schooling: *Weston High School*
Marital Status: *widow*
Children: 2
Favorite Actor/Actress: *Clark Gable/Jeanette McDonald*

In the Fall I like to: *Read*
In the Next 10 years I See Myself: *Old*
The Last Book I Read: *Follow The River*
The One Movie I'll Never See Again: *Snow White*
One Change I'd Like to See in Lewis County:
Better Education
If I Had to Choose One Word to Describe Myself, That
Word Would Be: *Pleasant*
The One Person/Event That Has Had the Greatest Impact on
My Life: *Birth of my children.*
One of My Plans for Christmas: *Being with my children.*

"Weston Democrat" 21 Dec. 1994



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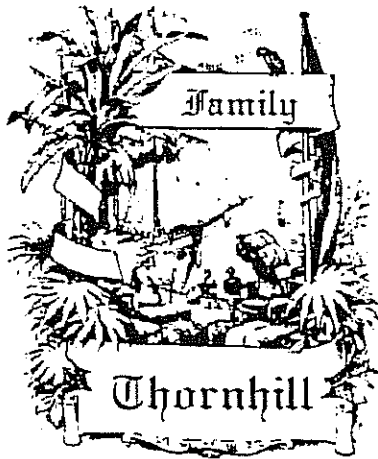
California Proposes Closing Records

The following California State Assembly bill was introduced by the assembly February 23, 1994 and is proposed to go into effect January 1, 1999:

"AB 3170: THIS BILL IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE LANGUAGE THAT WILL IMPROVE DOCUMENT SECURITY BY MAKING VITAL RECORDS (BIRTH, MARRIAGE, DEATH) CONFIDENTIAL."

The general public will no longer be able to obtain vital record certificates! They will become public records only after 100 years have elapsed for births, or 50 years for deaths, marriages, dissolutions or annulments of marriages. This bill will adversely affect all genealogists and historians. You should write to: Senator Milton Marks, 711 Van Ness Avenue, #310, San Francisco, CA 94102.

OTHER 49 STATES, PLEASE BE AWARE - SIMILAR BILLS MAY BE QUIETLY UNDER WAY IN YOUR STATE Genealogists should not be punished for the criminal acts [forgeries] of others which are prompting such legislation



Land values in Early Days High Compared With Other Commodities

by Wilbur C. Morrison

Land valued in the early history of Harrison County were low, but there was little money then with which to buy, and demands for agricultural products scarcely extended beyond the individual household. And thus, while the price of land then now seems ridiculously low, it was in fact, high.

Although the soil was untilled and the forest was virgin then, there were no marketable opportunities for utilization of the land such as in more recent decades, when individuals or corporations acquired vast boundaries of timber and mineral lands and waxed wealthy in their development.

Face Many Perils

The pioneers were not only confronted with the almost insurmountable task of making homes for themselves and raising food for the subsistence of their families, but also with the perils of butchery by savages. Notwithstanding that situation the lure of fortune and the romance of pioneer life brought many from countries of almost immemorial civilization to regions where white men had never been known before to tread.

Among these first families was that of the Thornhills, who later became quite numerous and were identified with members of many other well-known families by marriage and descent.

First of Family

William Thornhill, who died a bachelor, was the first of the family of that name to settle in Harrison County. He was among those who purchased land in the county at prices ridiculously low, as alluded to the introductory paragraph of this story.

Having heard of the country which flowed of milk and honey, the Thornhill family in London, England, decided the son, William, eldest of the family of boys should come to America with a joint fund of money and purchase an abiding place in that fair land for them all. So runs the Thornhill legend.

Sails from London

About 1783 or 1784, William Thornhill sailed from London, landed in Philadelphia, Pa., crossed the Allegheny Mountains, penetrated the wilderness of western Virginia,

now West Virginia, ran across the Lowther family on Hacker's Creek, Harrison county, and bought 400 acres of land from Col. William Lowther, situate on the east side of the West Fork River at the mouth of Hacker's Creek. The land was a part of the tract taken up by Robert Lowther, father of Col. Lowther, on which William L. Hughes, a former assessor of Harrison County, now resides. As shown by record in the office of the county clerk at Clarksburg, Col. Lowther had not yet been married.

The deed recites that William Thornhill paid Col. Lowther 135 pounds in Virginia currency for the 400 acres, the equivalent of less than \$ 500 in present money of the United States. The deed bears the date of June 30, 1785.

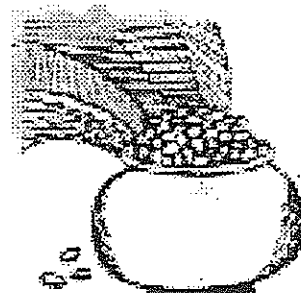
The legend is told that William Thornhill built a log cabin home on the land and lived and died on the farm. He appears to have made good use of the land and accumulated considerable money. In addition to farming, he operated a still house.

Body Found in Trough

Fifteen or twenty years after he had taken up his abode on Hacker's Creek, William Thornhill's body was found in a poplar tree trough on the farm. A man named Burnside, cattle drover on the way to the Baltimore, Md. market ran across Thomas Thornhill, Jr., a brother of William, who had come to this country with his young wife in 1790, along with the parents and other members of the Thornhill family, first locating at Uniontown, Pa., and then Hagerstown, Md., and told him about finding the body of William Thornhill, inquiring whether there was a relationship between him and the dead man. Burnside gave a description of the man who was found in the tree trough, which convinced the family it was William Thornhill who had died, and about 1810, the family came to Hacker's Creek and established beyond the peradventure of a doubt that it was the same man who had come years before as the vanguard of Thornhills.

Clothes Fit

The identification was completed by the fact that shoes, clothes and other wearing apparel of the dead man fitted Thomas, the brother, a fact to which Thomas had called Burnside's attention when they met at Hagerstown. Thomas Thornhill, the first, father of William, proved his inheritance claim to the property and took possession of it, and the family remained there. He and his wife lived on the farm until they died, when it went to their heirs.



Seek Pot of Gold

Many futile searches have been made for a pot of gold. William Thornhill is said to have concealed in rocky cliffs on the farm.

The senior Thomas Thornhill was born in 1742 in England and his wife was also a native of that country. He died in 1827 on the farm, aged 85 years. His wife also died there in 1828. They are buried in the Broad Run Cemetery near Lightburn.

The Family originated in the province of Derbyshire, England. It is doubtless a part of the same family represented by Sir James Thornhill, 1675-1734, an English painter, who was born at Melcombe Regis. The decorative work of Sir James adorned the Greenwich hospital as well as the palaces of Windsor and Hampton Court.

Designs Paintings

Sir William (Sir James?) also designed and executed paintings for the interior of the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral. In 1720, he received knighthood, being the first native artist to receive the honor in England, and was appointed court painter. He executed portraits and founded a school of art, of which William Hogarth became a pupil.

Thomas Thornhill, the second and brother of William, was born in England at a time unknown to the present generation. He was married there to Miss Martha Simpson, daughter of John Simpson, member of an English family. They came to America and located at Uniontown, Pa., shortly before the birth of their first child. Their children were born there except, Joseph, the youngest, who was born at Hagerstown, Md., where the family had moved. Martha Simpson Thornhill died Aug. 18, 1854 on Hacker's Creek, this county, aged 82. Her husband died before that year.

Their first child, Elizabeth Thornhill, was born July 4, 1791. She was married March 3, 1817, in Harrison County, to William Fisher Law, a son of Thomas and Martha Fisher Law, natives of Belfast, Ireland. In 1794, four brothers, Thomas, William, Frank and John Law, with their parents, sailed for America. The mother died on board ship and was buried at sea. The others landed in Philadelphia.

Thomas Law and his wife, to whom he had been married in Ireland, came to W.Va., and settled near Jane Lew, after twins had been born to them April 4, 1795, in Philadelphia, four months after their arrival in America. These were the first of the name to be born in America. The mother and infant daughter died and the son, who was christened William Fisher Law, grew to manhood and became the husband of Elizabeth Thornhill as noted. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Law were great-grandparents of Dr. John Law, a Clarksburg dentist. Elizabeth Thornhill Law died August 12, 1858, and was buried in the Broad Run Cemetery.

Mary Thornhill, another daughter was born Feb. 8, 1794.

John Thornhill, a son, was born Jan. 23, 1797. He was married March 25, 1824, in Lewis County, to Sarah Stanley, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stanley, of Stanley's Run. He died Oct. 17, 1876 in Harrison County and was buried in the Broad Run Cemetery. She died Feb. 20, 1854 aged 50 years.

Born in England

Sarah Stanley Thornhill's grandfather, John Stanley, was born in England in 1736 and his wife, Nancy Gibbons Stanley, in the same country in 1749. They came to America at an early date and settled on Stanley's Run one and half miles south of Jane Lew in Lewis County. He died in 1822, and she in 1837.

The legend runs that Nancy Gibbons was sent to America so that some designing person might not get a fortune which had been left her. However, it is known that her stepfather had already taken possession of the same and had sold it to pay for transportation. She met John Stanley at Restone, Pa., where they were later married.

Owned Much Land

Jacob Stanley, son of the pioneer couple and father of Mrs. Sarah Stanley Thornhill, owned all the land from Fisher Summit to Jane Lew, from hilltop to hilltop to Stanley's Run. Other children of Jacob Stanley were: Ruth, Diademina, Matilda, Margaret, John, Jonathan, Maxwell, Mary, Elizabeth Ann and Ruba. Elizabeth Ann was married July 22, 1847, to Jonas C. Forinash, and they were the parents of James C. Forinash, of Weston. Her husband died Feb. 28, 1877, and she, forty years later, on Feb. 6, 1917.

Martha Thornhill, a daughter of Thomas the second, was born July 11, 1800.

Thomas the third, was born Dec. 7, 1801. He was married May 11, 1834, in Harrison County, to Mary Crumrine, who was of Dutch descent. He died May 16, 1875, and was buried in Broad Run Cemetery.

Another Son

Joseph, another son, was born Nov. 8, 1804, at Hagerstown, Md. He was married Aug. 11, 1836, in Lewis County, to Elizabeth Wimer, a daughter of Jacob and Mary Rexroad Wimer, formerly of Pendleton County. He died on March 27, 1865, aged 61, on Wire's Run and was buried in the Broad Run Cemetery. He was the maternal grandfather of William L. Hughes, of Hacker's Creek.

Joseph's wife, Mary Rexroad Wimer Thornhill, was born on Sept. 24, 1819, in Preston County, it is believed. She died Sept. 6, 1899, in Lewis County. Their children were born as follows:

Elizabeth, Feb. 3, 1839; was married to Houston Joel Hughes, a son of Stephen Jesse and Mary Westfall Hughes, of Kincheloe Creek, Lewis County, Dec. 30, 1858; died May 9, 1872; and was buried at Broad Run. She was the mother of William L. Hughes.

In Civil War

William, in 1841, in Harrison County; served as a sergeant in Company D, Fifteenth West Virginia Infantry of the Union Army and was killed in action at Charleston, June 12, 1864. He did not marry. His mother drew a pension as the result of his army service.

Elvina, born August 16, 1837; and died Nov. 23, 1854, unmarried.

Sarah, in 1843, on Wire's Run, was first married to Alexander H. Helmick, a son of Ira E. and Christina Wimer Helmick, of Braxton County, Oct. 13, 1870, and after his death, to John Jones, also of Braxton County; and died in Braxton County.

Eliza, another daughter, born in 1848, died Feb. 16, 1887, unmarried.

Thomas Z., died in about 1850 in Lewisville, Idaho and was buried there.

Wife In Weston

Florence Virginia Thornhill, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thornhill, was born in 1851, and married Thomas M. Brosius, Oct. 18, 1870. He died in 1899 at Weston. She died in 1915 at Chehalis, Wash. They were the parents of children as follows:

Ella Gertrude Brosius, born Aug. 26, 1866, in Harrison County; was married Oct. 12, 1886, in Harrison County, to David R. Wilson, son of James & Frances Watson Wilson, of Rockbridge County, Va. Mr. and Mrs. David R. Wilson live near Flatwoods.

David R. Wilson was born on Oct. 25, 1865, in Lewis County. The children of his marriage with Ella Gertrude Brosius, all born in Braxton County are:

Flora A., born Sept. 4, 1887; married S.J. Boysen of Carrol, Iowa, and has a son, Donald Rex Boysen at home; Bertha L., born Jan. 24, 1889; Martha A., born Jan. 30, 1891, and died Dec. 21, at Carrol, Iowa, unmarried; Iva L. born May 13, 1898; Earl B. born March 19, 1896, and died Aug. 8, 1901; Edith B. born Feb. 12, 1898; Charles Herbert, born Sept. 2, 1900, and died July 19, 1904; Harry Sephus, born Aug. 1, 1903; Clarence Goff, born Feb. 12, 1906; and Mildred Pauline, born July 7, 1908.

Farmer, Miner

David R. Wilson is a farmer and miner.

Iva Wilson was married on March 15, 1913, to Hoy Furby, who was born Nov. 8, 1887, in Doddridge County, and lives at Copen, where their children, as follows were born;

Denver, Feb. 12, 1914; Paul, June 11, 1915; Lenore, on Jan. 27, 1917; Virginia, Nov. 21, 1919; and Pearline, March 20, 1912 .

When married, Furby was engaged in mining, but later clerked in a store at Copen.

Married To Davis

Edith Belle Wilson was married Nov. 3, 1913, to Rely Harrison Davis, who was born Sept. 23, 1888, at Copen. Their children are, Fonde Lee, born July 31, 1915; Stanley Adrian, March 4, 1917; Stacy Clifton, July 9, 1919; and Kenneth Von, Dec. 25, 1921.


The Furby's live near Flatwoods, where he is a farmer.

William M. Brosius, born on June 16, 1868, was a Harrison County school teacher and died in 1890, unmarried.

Charles W. Brosius, born April 12, 1869; a former school teacher at Burnsville, and a carpenter and painter by trade.

Emma and Myrtle Bell, twins, born Dec. 16, 1871. Emma Dell was married to the Rev. Samuel W. Wilt, of Pennsylvania, a son of John C. and Mary Wample Wilt, Dec. 8, 1895.

(Article from Weston Independent - Feb. 19, 1958)



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| FA 406 | Calvin Lemasters & Buena V. Cain | Arline L. Hardman | |
| FA 407 | Lemasters | Arline L. Hardman | |
| FA 404 | Hardman Family | Joy Gilchrist | |
| CS 80 | Washington Co. OH Census 1850-60 | Wes Cockran | |
| CS 81 | Washington Co. OH Census 1870-80 | Wes Cockran | |
| CS 83 | Meigs Co. OH Census 1850-60 | Wes Cockran | |
| CS 85 | Meigs Co. OH Census 1880 | Wes Cockran | |
| CS 86 | Meigs Co. OH Census 1900 | Wes Cockran | |
| MS 60 | Monroe Co. OH Marriages 1867-1917 | Wes Cockran | |
| MA 61 | Washington Co. OH Marriages 1789-1918 | Wes Cockran | |
| CS 87 | Noble Co. OH Census 1860 | Wes Cockran | |
| CS 88 | Noble Co. OH Census 1870 | Wes Cockran | |
| CE 18A | Jackson Co. Cemetery Readings | Wes Cockran | |
| CE 19A | Wood Co. Cemeteries Vol. 1-3-5 | Wes Cockran | |
| CE 64 | Calhoun Co. Cemeteries | Wes Cockran | |
| CE 66 | Roane Co. Cemeteries | Wes Cockran | |
| MA 57 | Nicholas Co. Marriages 1817-1933 | | |
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| | Norman | Vera E. Poertner | |
| | Peterson | Marilyn O. Peterson | |
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| | Stuller-Hughes-Jackson | Betty Stuller Ankrom | |
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| | Coffin-Parsons-Hayward | Pat Callihan | |
| | Tanner | William M. Brown | |
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| | WV Adjutant General Report | John Dawson | |
| JO 270 | Harrisonburg, Rockingham Historical Society | | |
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| VI 5 | HCPD Meeting Sept. 11-13, 1987 - 5th year - Bill Hayes & Larry Smith Sing-a-long- Dennis Rogers, History of Schoocraft Family - Beluah Land Express Singers and Weave. | Bob Smith | |
| VI 6 | Roanoke - Old Smith Log Builders - Bob, Bill & Chuck - Mitchell Cemetery - Fairview Cemetery, Bob, Bill & Chuck - Duvall Cemetery at Arnold - Mary Conrad Cabin at Roanoke, Bill & Chuck - Pioneer at Hero's Butcher Cemetery - Making HCPD Signs at Maurice Allman's - Rev. Marvin Carr at Pleasnat Grove Church - Hacker's Creek Tour - Morrison Cemetery - Sandra Smith at Harmony Church - Dorothy Smith at Berlin Church - Charles Smith at Vandalia - Corathers Cemetery & Skin Creek - Harmony Cemetery - Doug Leiber Tour - Mr. John McIntyre at Harmony Church - Larry Smith at John Hacker Tombstone - Smith Run Cemetery | Bob Smith | |
| VI 7 | Scruffy & Ruth - Larry's Family at Trailer, HCPD Executive Meeting at Barb McCarty's - Larry's Trailer, Jim Williams and family - Birds - Jenny's Honorary Society JPD | Bob Smith | |
| VI 8 | Pat & Bob - Stonewall Jackson Dam w/Bob & | | |
| VI 8 continued: | Bill- Cemetery at Roanoke & Recreation Area - Setting sign on Hacker's Creek - Arrowhead Collection at Jane Lew, John McIntyre - Tasha Wright- Cleaning Mitchell Cemetery, Stonewall Jackson Residence - Cleaning Fairview Cemetery - Roanoke - Fairview 1 & 2 Cemeteries - Sheldon Smith Family Reunion - David Posey Home & Birthday Party - J. D. at the trailer Smith Family Reunion. | Bob Smith | |

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| VI 9 | HCPD Meeting | Bob Smith |
| VI 10 | HCPD Meeting - Last Day of School by HCPD Players - Bishop Asbury by Dr. Marvin Carr - Beluah Land Express | Bob Smith |
| VI 11 | Dedication of mural at the Wilderness Plantation Restaurant - Philippi Bridge after burning, 1989 - Stonewall Jackson Dam Area Tour 6/11/89 | Bob Smith |
| VI 12 | HCPD Gathering 1989 - Noel Tenny on Education - Dr. Carl Hineman on History Ole Frontier. | Bob Smith |
| VI 13 | 1991 Seminar with Dennis Rogers - Presentation of legal terms | Bob Smith |
| VI 14 | 1992 HCPD 10th Anniversary Banquet at Jackson's Mill, Dr. Leonard Davis, speaker by Larry Smith | Larry Smith |
| VI 15 | Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Library & Museum Dedication at Weston 1992 | Bob Smith |
| VI 16 | HCPD Business Meeting 1992 - Meeting & Dedication of Library by Glen Gamble | Glen Gamble |
| VI 17 | HCPD 10th Anniversary & Dinner at Jackson's Mills with Dr. Leonard Davis as speaker | Bob Smith |
| VI 18 | William George Allman burial place along RT 33 nr Lorentz - video by Maurice Allman, major voice data by Edward Allman 9/19/94 | Maurice Allman |
| VI 19 | HCPD Gathering 1988 | Bob Smith |
| VI 20 | HCPD Narrated Tour - Judge Noah Life Home Jack & Mike Smith Family Reunion | Bob Smith |
| VI 21 | HCPD Seminar 1987 | Bob Smith |
| VI 22 | Roanoke Bay Recreation Area 1990 | Bob Smith |
| VI 23 | Interview H. Norman 1990 - Dedication Stonewall Jackson Dam | Bob Smith |
| VI 24 | HCPD Annual Gathering - Aug 10-13, 1995 at the new library nr Jackson's Mill, by Maurice Allman | Maurice Allman |

Items Received from Raymond Wolfe in August 1995

1. Great Migration Newsletter - Vol. 4 #2 Apr.-June 1993.
2. Augustaeum - Vol. 1 #2 Nov. 1993, Vol. II #1 Oct. 1994, #2 Feb. 1995, #3 Apr. 1995.
3. The Family Tree Odom Genealogy Library Vol. III #1 -2-3-1995.
4. The Civil War News Papers - May 1995
5. Names of Clan Donald
6. 7 books - Genealogy by Indiana Historical Society - Feb., Apr, Mary, July, Oct, Nov. 1990 and June 1995.
7. Research in Indiana Courthouse: Judicial and Other Records by Indiana Historical Society.
8. American Genealogy Magazine -Vol. 9#6 - Nov. Dec. 1994.
9. 2- Southern Queries Vol. 5 #4-5 - 1995.
10. 3 - Harrison Co. WV Genealogical Society Vol. 5 # 2,3,4,-1993.
11. Story of Address of Judge J.C. McWhorter of Buckhannon, WV at the Centennial Celebration of "Old Harmony Church" on Hacker's Creek, Lewis Co., WV, Sunday July 27, 1919.
12. History of Frenchton Community, Upshur Co. WV -1925.
13. History of Sand Run Community, Upshur Co., WV -1924.
14. History of Teter Community, Upshur Co., WV -1925.

15. Research in Ohio
16. Ohio Lands - A Short History.
17. Henkel-Hinkle Reunion, New Market, VA 17-18 - June 1995.
18. Westfall Family.
19. Zicklefoose Family
20. Family Reunions: How To Plan Yours.
21. Pennsylvania Folklife Spring 1994, Autumn '94, Winter'95-5, Spring '95.
22. 7-SAR Magazines-Summer-Fall-Winter 1993, Spr-Fall-Winter1994, Spring 1995.
23. Easy Genealogy by Diane Dieterle
24. AGLL's Electronic Resource Guide for Genealogists
25. Ireland - 2 magazines 1982-1983.
26. 4-DAR magazines - Aug/Sept 1994, Oct/Nov 1994 and May 1995.
27. 9 - Forum Vol. 5 #1,2,3,4, Vol. 6 #1,2,3,4, Vol. 7 #1
28. Heritage Quest - 13 Magazines #45 to #57.
29. Southwestern Indian Ceremonials
30. Teets Family
31. 3 - Dutch Family Heritage Society - Vol. 4 #4, Vo. 7 #4 and Vol. 8 #1.
32. The Southern Journal, "The Appalachian Way ?" Vol. 3 #12, Apr-May-June 1995.
33. 5 -WV Historical Society. Vol. VII #4, Vol. VIII #1,2,3,4, Vol IX #1 Jun 1995.
34. Fiche Update from AGLL Catalog Feb. 1994,
35. 2 folders - Civil War Soldier System.

Folk Cure

The leaves of the beech tree are applied to burns or blisters or chewed for chapped lips or sore gums. The water found in hollow beech stumps is supposed to have curative powers. A tea made from the bark will cure weak back and the tea mixed with lard is applied to cure rheumatism.

Clay Mud - place on bee stings.

Cow Manure - to cure a stone bruise, stand in a fresh pile of cow manure.

Dill - is used to relieve flatulence, colic and obesity. The steam from boiling of dill in water is supposed to stop toothache. Boiled in wine, the fumes are inhaled to stop hiccups. The ashes of the seeds are used in cases of scalding and for cures of venereal disease.



1. The following queries are at the request of **Jim Woofter**, 1467 15th St. NW, Canton, OH 44703-1008.

- ♦ Seek info on **FRANK L. CONLEY** who m. **LENORE WOOFER** 11 Mar. 1935. Who were his parents and when and where was he born? Any info on children?
- ♦ Seek info on **GIOLA TOM GAINER** who m. **DURA ALICE WOOFER** 07 Dec. 1922. Who were his parents and when and where born? Any info on child **ROBERT FRANKLIN GAINER**?
- ♦ See info on **MOSES FARNSWORTH BUSH** who m. **COLUMBIA JANE WOOFER** on 21 Oct. 1875 Ritchie County. Who were his

parents and when and where born?

- ♦ Seek info on **DALE RAFFERTY** who m. **LONA VIRGINIA WOOFER** on 27 Dec. 1931. Who were his parents and when and where was he born? Any info on children **RAMONA**, **ROGER** and **ROANNA**?
- ♦ Seek info on **HARVEY CLINE** who m. **MARY WOOFER** 30 Jun. 1910 in Buckhannon. Who were his parents and when and where born?
- ♦ Seek info on **STACIE DOAK** born 1893 and m. **LENA WOOFER** 23 Dec. 1916 Auburn, WV. Who were his parents and what date and where born? **WILLIAM ELVER DOAK** m. **ELSIE WOOFER** 22 Dec. 1919. Who were his parents and when and where born?
- ♦ Seek info on **MARIE WEATHERHOLT** b. 1895 and m. **CORWIN WOOFER** 22 Mar. 1923. Who were her parents and where born?
- ♦ Seek info on **LOWELL WOOFER** b. 12 Jun. 1902 Auburn. Did he marry and if so any data?
- ♦ Seek info on **AUDRA HOLSTEIN** b. 27 Feb. 1909 m. **CLEON WOOFER** 21 Dec. 1927 at Madison, WV. Who were her parents?
- ♦ Seek info on **DORA J. PERKINS** who m. **ROBERT HARRISON WOOFER** 8 Oct. 1909 Hyer, WV. Who were her parents?

2. Searching for the parents of **NIMROD SCOTT** b. 15 May 1819, Virginia, d. 12 Dec. 1874, Lee Co., Iowa. **NIMROD** m. **MARIA REGER** b. 16 Jan. 1824 Hampshire Co., WV. **MARIA REGER** was the d/o of **ISAAC REGER** and **MARY MAGDALINE (Brake) REGER**. Linda Meyers, 9682 Woodgate Lane, Byron, IL 61010-9556.

3. The following queries are at the request of **Irene H. Boggs**, PO Box. 710, Richwood, WV 26261.

- ♦ **CLENDENIN** Researchers! How does **JAMES CLENDENIN** who married **MARGARET ANDERSON** fit in with the **CLENDENINS** who settled Charleston, WV? Or does he? Or is he descended from brother whose name was unknown?
- ♦ Does anyone have any info on **GEORGE** and **MARY (?) CONNOLLY** who were the parents of **GEORGE CONNOLLY, JR.** Who was the father of **PATRICK CONNOLLY** who m. **MARY STALLMAN**?
- ♦ Have info on **ROBERT DUFFIELD**, b. Ca 1610, England, d. Feb. 1692 and bur. In Pennepack Church Cemetery, Pennepack, PA. Where did this information come from? Pennsylvania Genealogical Society cannot locate Pennepack?
- ♦ Looking for material on **ROGER DYER** and "The Dyer Settlement" in Pendleton Co., WV. Any books written on it or is it incorporated in a book elsewhere?
- ♦ Seeking parents of, dates of birth and death, places of birth and death and marriage date of **JOHN FLEMING** and **ANN MARTIN**. They were the parents of **JOHN MARTIN FLEMING**. May have been in the Randolph, Harrison and Calhoun Co., area.
- ♦ **HAGLE** Researchers! **MARGARET HAGLE** who married **GEORGE ADAM BUSH** ca. 1778. Their dau. **ELIZABETH** m. **JOSEPH PARSONS**. Is she linked to the **HAGLE** line in the Buckhannon area of WV?
- ♦ Seeking to correspond with anyone researching **KEISTER**?
- ♦ Seeking info on **GEORGE** and **PHOEBE (?) LEWIS**. They were the parents of **HEZEKIAH** who was born ca. 1759.
- ♦ **MACE** Researchers! **ELIZABETH ADELINE DUFFIELD** m. **JOSEPH PIERSON BOGGS** 15 Jun. 1854. They had two children: **MARANDA HAYMON BOGGS** who m. **MARGARET JONES** and **AMANDA JANE BOGGS** who m. **JOHN SIMMONS**. **JOSEPH PIERSON** d. 22 Jul. 1858. She then m. **JAMES WILLIAM MACE** and had six children: **MAHALA**, **JAMES WILLIAM**, **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**, **ALVIN CURTIS**, **EDWARD L.**, **ELIZABETH**, **LYDIA**, and **NANCY (Nannie)** who m. **GEORGE HARVEY HOOVER**. When and where did she die? She and **JAMES WILLIAM** were both alive on the 1910 census living in separate households. But neither showed up on 1920 census. What happened to her?

Seeking info on **JOHN** and **ELIZABETH (Goldsborough) MARTIN**. They were the parents of **REBECCA ANN MARTIN** who m. **BENJAMIN LEMASTERS** in Nov. 1779 at Morgantown, WV.

4. The following queries are at the request of **JOY GILCHRIST**, c/o HCPD, Rt. #1 Box 238, Jane Lew, WV 26878 or/ JGilchr201@aol.com

- ♦ Seek information and/or descendants of **THOMAS BENNETT**, s/o **JAMES** and **HANNAH (STARNES) BENNETT** who m. **MARY EVE BENNETT** in 1796 in Pendleton county. Thomas purchased land from his father in 1800 in Pendleton County according to the Pendleton deed books. How does he

dispose of it? Thomas disappears from the Pendleton County tax lists about that time. Where does he go? Some suggest he might have gone to Greenbrier County; other suggest that he went to St. Claire County, Indiana. Who were Thomas' and Mary's children.

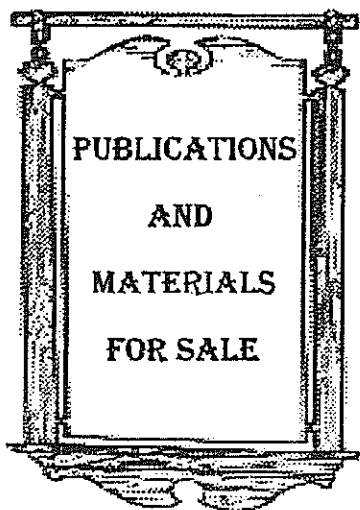
- ♦ In 1787 CORNELIUS LYONS signed as a witness on some deeds and other documents in Harrison Co. (W)V, that pertained to JOHN HACKER. In 1810 JOHN LYON lives beside JOHN HACKER on Hacker's Creek, now Lewis County. I believe that JOHN LYON may be the son of Cornelius. There is also a SYLVESTER LYONS in connection with Cornelius. I believe him to be another son. These families appear to have some connection to the WARD family. Is anyone working in the Lyon/Lyons family? Is there a familial connection between the Hackers and the Lyons or were they just neighbors? Any help appreciated.
5. Am interested in corresponding with anyone researching the following surnames: MAXSON-MASON, BROWN (John Sr., John Jr., James, Thomas), STALNAKER-SHEPHERD-RADCLIFF-TRUBY-HUGHES-WESTFALL-WILLIAMS. Contact: Carol Maxson-Kemp, PO Box 11, San Anselmo, CA 94979-0011.
 6. WV/VA lines I am descended from: Brooke/Ohio Co's: COLLIER, DOWNEY, PEIRCE/PEARCE, ROBINSON, Hampshire/Hardy/Randolph Co's: BALDWIN, CUNNINGHAM, DEGARMO, GRAHAM/GRIMES, PARSONS, Harrison/Monongalia Co's: BENNET/TT, BISE, FOWLER, GIFFORD, HALL, HARDMAN, HUGHES, JACOBS, LAZIER, WV/VA: OWENS, PRUITT, SHOOPMAN, STONEKING. Contact: Jean Womelsduff, 135505 SE River Rd, #315, Portland, OR, 97222-8097.
 7. I am looking for information on SAMPSON S. THARP born to TIMOTHY AND SARAH (COX) THARP. He served in the Civil War, mustered in May 16, 1863 at Bridgeport, VA (WV), Third Regiment, Company I Cavalry, under Capt. Charles Anderson. He was taken prisoner at Staunton, Birginia, June 8, 1864 and died in Andersonville prison, January 1865. The National Archives had no information on him. Is there a source for Andersonville prisoners? Would like to find his burial and any other information. Contact: Sarah Hindman, Rt3, Box 215, Albia, IA 52531

EDITORS NOTE: National Society of Andersonville Prison, Andersonville, CA 31711, 912-924-2588. \$5.00 membership. There are books published on the prisoners who died and those who survived. Phone: 912-924-2588.

8. Loretta Snider, 1938 Cranford Dr., Bldg # 2 Apt # 4, Garland, Tx 75041, (214) 271-2210 is seeking:
 - ♦ MOSES ADAM LEUZADER he was born in Gilmer County, (W)VA, ___ March 1863 & mar. MARTHA ELLEN CUNNINGHAM from Barbour Co., (W)VA on 15 August 1887, believed to be in Gilmer County. She was born 8 Feb. 1862, and d. 19 June 1942 in Gilmer Co., WV. Martha was a widow when she passed on. In the 1900 census Moses was still alive and died between 1900 and 1942. Is there any one who may have info on MOSES ADAM LEUZADER/ LUZADER and his family?

- ♦ **ALEXANDER SKINNER** born ca 1807 believed to have been from Lewis Co., (W)VA., mar. **PHEBE CONRAD** (given name **PHILLIPINA**). It is believed she was from Braxton Co., since her parents **DANIEL CONRAD** and **MARGARET (PEGGY) SHIELDS** had lived there throughout their marriage. Is there anyone with info on him or his family?
 - ♦ Alexander's son **GRANVILLE N. SKINNER**, his wife was **MARTHA A. WALTON** daughter of **SAMUEL WALTON** and **NANCY**. They were mar. 2 May 1853 Braxton Co., (W)V. Does any one have any information on **MARTHA WALTON** or her parents?
 - ♦ Looking for info on a **ANNIE WIAINT** who was mar. to **OBEDIAH CRAWFORD**. He was born in Rockingham Co., WA. Ca 1815. So, she was more likely from/born there. Is there anyone with any info on **ANNIE WIAINT** ?
9. Please send me an address and phone #, if possible, for someone connected to the Middleville (formerly Booths Creek) Baptist Church. Also, can you put me in touch with anyone connected to any Hacker's Creek area (Harrison and connecting counties) Baptist Churches that were formed prior to 1870. I am already in contact with Simpson Creek, Ten Mil, Hopewell, Center Branch, Freemansburg and Mt. Zion on Freeman's Creek, Mt. Olive of Salem and Mt. Olive of Philippi. Contact: **K. C. Priest**, 921 Upton Dr., South Charleston, WV 25309.
- ♦ Looking for **JANET L. CLEMMONS** and/or anyone related to **LEMUEL CLEMMONS** who lived in Harrison Co. ca 1860.
 - ♦ Seeking burial records for Harrison Grove Church.
 - ♦ Seeking information on an old cemetery past/nr the Middleville Church in Taylor County. Said to be in the woods. Can anyone confirm its location?
10. **PETER TOWNSEND** m **LUCY HUNDLEY** 11 July 1808, in Lewis Co. What was his relationship to the other Townsends in the area?
- Was **JOHN TOWNSEND**, Rev. War soldier who married **ABIGAIL CLARK**, a resident of Bath Co., ca 1785? What were the names of his children? Contact: **Toni Townsend**, 79 Ferris Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.
11. Seeking info on **ROBERT PIKE** b 1751, served in Rev. War, Va Centennial Line, married **ANNY**, Aug 1781 Fort Pitt, PA. 1782-1789 lived in Harrison Co., WV, 1800-1834 lived in Fayette, Woodford, Madison, Estill Counties of Kentucky, d. 9 Dec. 1834 Fayette Co., KY. Will exchange **PIKE** info. Contact: **Ginger Thomsen**, 208 Riverwood Ct., Post Falls, ID 83854, 208-773-6695.
12. **JEMIMA JACKSON**, of the Jane Lew Jacksons, m. **JOHN ARNOLD** in 1792 in Clarksburg, Harrison Co., WV. He died in 1811 with **SIMON ARNOLD** and wife **PRUDENCE** visiting in his last illness. His brothers **JAMES**, **GEORGE** and **SIMON** living close by. Who were their parents? Where did they come from? Contact: **Goldie Barr**, P.O. Box 1574, Ukiah, CA 95482.
13. **Mary E. Goodwin**, 6823 Beechtree Ln, Falls Church, VA 22042, seeks information on the following:

- ♦ Can anyone supply information on when and where **ELIZABETH (Wilson) VINCENT SMITH** died? She was the daughter of **ISAAC** and **MARY (McAvoy) WILSON** and was born ca 1824 in Pendleton Co. Married 1st to **JOHN J. VINCENT** and 2nd to **DAVID B. SMITH**. They left Upshur Co. around 1875-1876 and went to Butler Co., KS, where **David B. Smith** is living in the 1880 census, but **Elizabeth** is not with him. He is buried in Clifford Twp. Cemetery, Butler Co., but **Elizabeth** is not- or at least no tombstone record is given.
 - ♦ Where are **LORENZO D.** and **REBECCA L. ANDERSON** buried? They lived in Lewis Co. *Editors Note: They are buried in the Anderson Family Cemetery on Leatherbark Run in Collins Dist, on the old James Anderson homelace.*
 - ♦ Where is **Walker Floyd Wilson** buried? He died ca 1887.
 - ♦ Need death date and burial for **ANN ELIZA (Ferrell) WILSON**, widow of **JAMES S. WILSON** who died in a Confederate prison in Richmond in 1863. Would like to correspond with any descendants of this family.
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